

[English]

Expansion and Modernisation of paper Mills

988. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modernisation and expansion programmes planned by some paper mills to enhance the industrial capacity have become uncertain due to current restrictions on capital goods imports;

(b) if so, the main reasons for putting the restrictions;

(c) whether the government are considering to assist these units in the matter; and if so, the details hereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No proposal for modernisation and expansion of paper mills is pending with the Government due to the current policy on capital goods imports.

(b) to (d). does not arise.

Panel to Review cost Escalation of Large Scale Projects

989. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a Committee to review mega and major projects that are behind schedule and are registering steep cost escalation as reported in the Economic Times dated October 10, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the panel has been asked to review the flash reports on mega and major projects; if so, the details of instructions given in this regard;

(d) whether this panel has submitted any report to the Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) how many projects have registered cost escalation according to the latest review; and

(g) what remedial measures have been suggested by the panel in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (g). Does not arise. However, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Finance Secretary with the Secretaries Deptt. of Expenditure, Deptt. of Programme Implementation, the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments as members, has been constituted to review the cases of time and cost overruns in respect of large projects, each costing Rs. 200 crores and above.

Kellogg Company's Projects in India

990. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Investment Promotion Board has cleared the proposal of the world's leading food processing firm, Kellogg Company of the U.S.A. for setting up various projects in India;

(b) if so, the places where this company will set up its projects in India;